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# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba-USSR

a. The assembly of IL-28s at San Julian has been resumed.

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 four or five in various stages of assembly, compared with only two the day before. Two more fuselages had been removed from crates. Of the seven completely assembled, two probably were airborne during the day.

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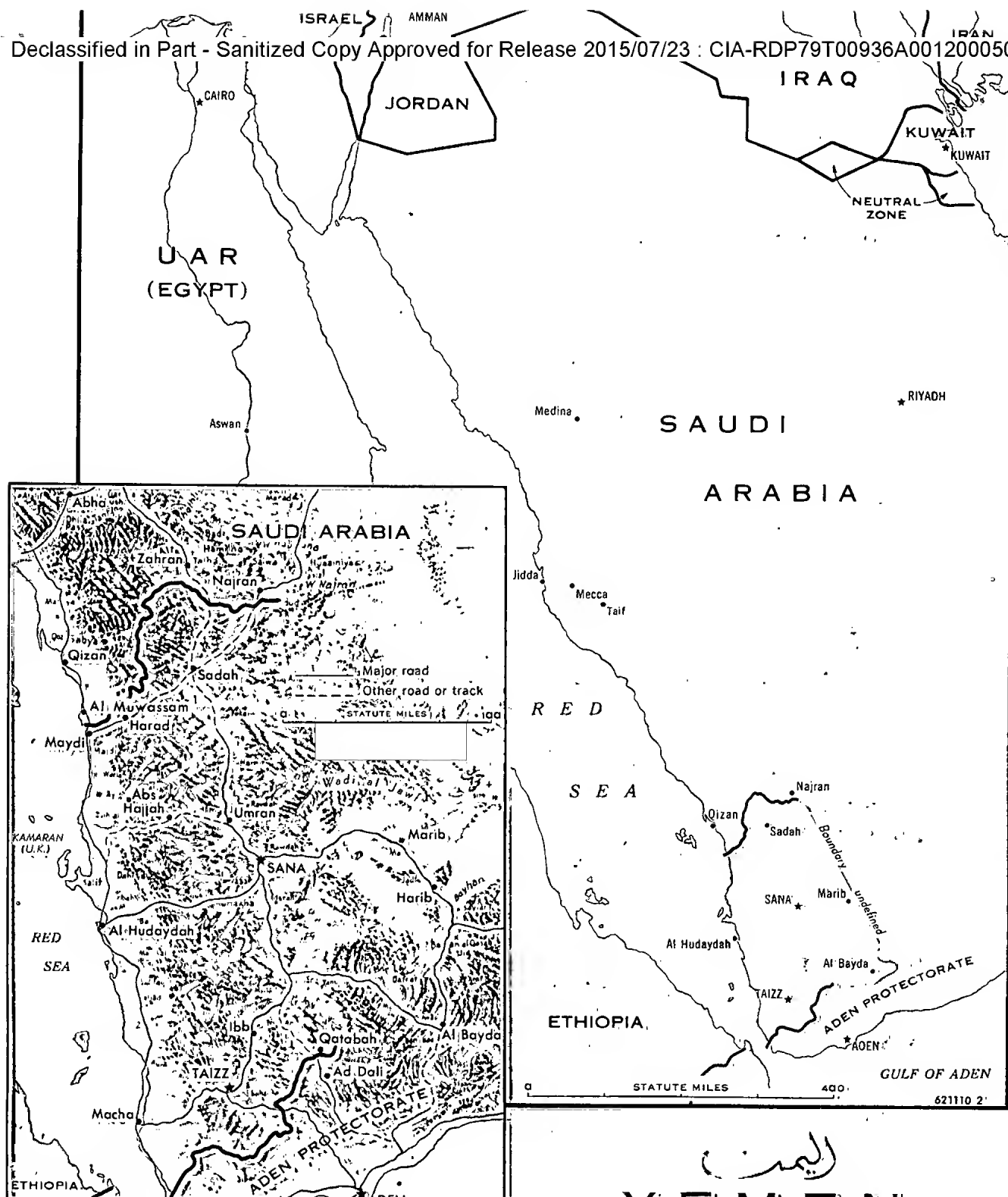
i. Cuban media continue for the second day to ignore completely Mikoyan's presence in the country. Mikoyan may return to New York today; we would gather virtually empty-handed.

j. Curiously, in New York, bloc journalists are sounding out [redacted] Latin Americans on whether Castro would be acceptable were he to become "sufficiently independent of Soviet influence."

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**2. Yemen**

a. There has been no important military action.

b.  Yemeni police have clashed with army troops in the south--a reflection of the internal dissension which besets the republican regime.

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**3. Laos**

a. Phoumi's goons may have upset the applecart by their arrest last week of several officers accompanying Kong Le to Vientiane.

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c. With the neutralists already squabbling among themselves and now about to open up on Phoumi as well, only the Pathets stand to gain.

d. Phoumi and friends are making plans for a new government should Souvanna go through with his threat to resign.

e. The French military attaché in Vientiane

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to work against any coalescence of neutralist and rightist forces which Paris feels would lead inevitably to partition and renewed conflict. Our embassies in Paris and Vientiane have been asked to check this one.

4. India-USSR-  
China

a. Nehru said different things in different places on the subject of Soviet MIGs this weekend, but did say publicly yesterday that Moscow had given assurances these would be delivered as originally promised.

b. There is no question, at least, that Nehru seems confident the planes will be received by December.

c. Moscow may indeed have reversed the decision to hold up delivery in the light of continued Chinese criticism of its stand on Cuba. On the other hand, Nehru may be trying to pressure Khrushchev into doing so.

d. Such a gesture would be important both to Moscow and India as a counterweight to our aid and a reaffirmation of India's nonalignment.

e. Peiping's Peoples Daily yesterday carried Nehru's statement that Moscow had decided to deliver the MIGs after all. Alongside it was a story that the US was speeding up its airlift of arms and men to assist India's invasion of China.

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f. In case readers still failed to get the point, it added an editorial sharply criticizing "those who continue to regard Nehru as the embodiment of nonalignment."

g. The front along the border, so far as we know, remains quiet.

## 5. Guatemala

a. Coup plotting by conservative elements in the armed forces is yet again under way. [REDACTED]

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b. Their objective is to prevent the return from exile of former president Arevalo, who is strongly anti-US. Arevalo is expected to make a bid for the presidency in elections next year, and his supporters at home have been making considerable political headway.

c. Guatemalan communists and labor organizations they control are alert to the coup possibility and are making preparations to profit from the confusion. US installations are slated for attack.



**6. Common  
Market**

a. The Common Market countries are beginning to realize they must settle the question of how big the group should be allowed to get before anything further can be done.

b. Britain is committed not to join until its "Seven" partners have settled their future relationship with the group, but so far only Denmark's application for membership has received more than preliminary consideration.

c. Ministerial talks get under way today to consider Denmark's application further and that of Norway as well, but they are not likely to produce much until the overall question of membership is settled and community institutions adjusted accordingly.

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**7. West Germany -  
Berlin**

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8. **West Germany -**  
**Der Spiegel**

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9. Congo

a.

[redacted] yesterday,  
Katangan aircraft bombed positions  
held by Leopoldville forces in North  
Katanga. The action was taken in  
retaliation for the government's moves  
earlier against Kongolo.

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b. Adoula

[redacted] strongly reaffirming his  
"total agreement" with the UN plan.  
We expect he will get the same story  
from Tshombé, which does not change  
matters much.

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B. North Korea North Korea has apparently recalled its ambassadors for consultation just as Communist China did late last month. The Koreans have been increasingly vocal in support of the Chinese position on Cuba and India.

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C. USSR/Nuclear Testing Moscow radio yesterday displayed sensitivity to British press reports that Britain will begin a series of tests. This, it said, would "seriously complicate" negotiations, just at a time when agreement on ending tests is "very close."

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D. Colombia A political snarl is developing in Colombia as opposition grows to the government's new austerity program now before congress.

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